

COMMON SNAKES OF THORNYBUSH NATURE RESERVE



VERY DANGEROUS

Has caused human fatalities

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Painful bite, but does not require antivenom

MILDLY VENOMOUS

Not thought to be harmful

HARMLESS

Not dangerous to humans



VERY DANGEROUS

Black Mamba
(*Dendroaspis polylepis*)



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Puff Adder
(*Bitis arietans arietans*)



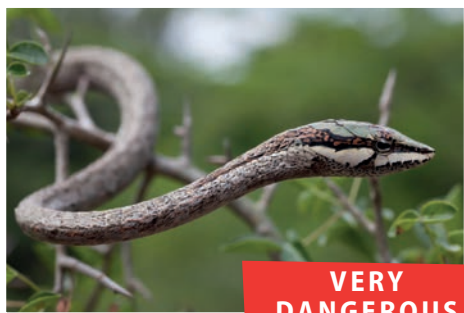
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Common Boomslang - male
(*Dispholidus typus viridis*)



VERY DANGEROUS

Common Boomslang - female
(*Dispholidus typus viridis*)



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Southern Twig Snake
(*Thelotornis capensis capensis*)



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Mozambique Spitting Cobra
(*Naja mossambica*)



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Snouted Cobra - banded phase
(*Naja annulifera*)



DANGEROUS

Intermediate Shield-nose Cobra
(*Aspidelaps scutatus intermedius*)



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Bibron's Stiletto Snake
(*Atractaspis bibronii*)



DANGEROUS

Snouted Night Adder
(*Causus defilippii*)



MILDLY VENOMOUS

Herald or Red-lipped Snake
(*Crotaphopeltis hotamboeia*)



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Striped Skaapsteker
(*Psammophylax triaenii*)



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Reticulated Centipede-eater
(*Aparallactus lunulatus*)



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Olive Grass Snake
(*Psammophis mossambicus*)



MILDLY VENOMOUS

Western Yellow-bellied Sand Snake
(*Psammophis subtaeniatus*)



CAN INFLICT A NASTY BITE

Southern African Python
(*Python natalensis*)



HARMLESS

Spotted Bush Snake
(*Philothamnus semivariegatus*)



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Rhombic Egg-eater
(*Dasypeltis scabra*)



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Brown House Snake
(*Boaedon capensis*)

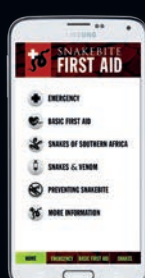


HARMLESS

Schlegel's Beaked Blind Snake
(*Afrotyphlops schlegelii*)

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